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I. Introduction

On July 1, 2021, the Department was mandated under NC Session Law 2015-245, Session Law 2018-48, and Session Law 2020-88 to transition most Medicaid and NC Health Choice beneficiaries to fully capitated and integrated plans called Standard Plans¹. The majority of Medicaid and NC Health Choice enrollees, including adults and children with low to moderate intensity behavioral health needs, are receiving integrated physical health, behavioral health, and pharmacy services through Standard Plans. On December 1, 2022, North Carolina will launch the NC Medicaid Managed Care Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Tailored Plan (Tailored Plan). This plan is an integrated health plan for individuals with significant behavioral health needs and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DDs). Tailored Plan will also serve other special populations, including Innovations and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver enrollees and waitlist members, and be responsible for managing the state's non-Medicaid behavioral health, developmental disabilities and TBI services for uninsured and underinsured North Carolinians.

The information included in this manual refers to care management services for high-risk pregnant women who are enrolled in Tailored Plans and receiving care management through Local Health Departments.

Medicaid Programs for Pregnant Beneficiaries

North Carolina provides high-quality obstetric care for all Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as care management services for high-risk pregnancies in the Medicaid program through locally administered programs. Historically, these programs were referred to as the Pregnancy Medical Home (PMH) and the Pregnancy Care Management (OBCM) program. These programs operated through an administrative and technical infrastructure that linked together providers, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), local health departments (LHD), Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC), the Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Health Benefits (DHB) and the Division of Public Health (DPH) (The Department).

¹ Full text of SL 2015-245 is available at: https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/sessionlaws/html/2015-2016/sl2015-245. https://www.nclegislation/sessionlaws/html/2015-245. https://www.nclegislation/sessionlaws/html/2015-245. <a href="https://www.nclegislati

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Full text of SL 2020-88 is available at: https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/Senate/PDF/S808v8.pdf

Delivering excellent clinical obstetric care and providing care management for high-risk pregnancies in North Carolina is a paramount concern for the Department. During the transition to managed care in North Carolina, existing specialized programs for pregnant beneficiaries (OBCM and PMH) experienced some changes to adapt with the new delivery model. However, the Department remains committed to providing a pathway for transitioning these programs as the state moves to managed care².

The PMH and OBCM programs were designed with significant leadership from clinicians across the state. The PMH program, for example, is the result of input from the obstetrics community, working in conjunction with CCNC and the Department, from the overall design of the program to the development of clinical pathways and other program features that have evolved over time. CCNC played a role in convening of clinicians to engage in, and evolve, the PMH program. Additionally, LHDs have played a critical role in the provision of care management services for high-risk pregnancies. The Department and CCNC provided programmatic oversight, evaluation, and training for both care management programs. Prior to the OBCM program, LHDs in North Carolina provided Maternity Care Coordination (MCC) services from 1988 through 2011. North Carolina's LHDs have a long history of providing services to assist many pregnant and postpartum individuals.

During the transition to managed care, the Department had a three-fold objective: (1) to continue to provide high-quality services to pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries in close partnership with clinicians across the state; (2) to provide a pathway for current providers of these services to transition to managed care; and (3) to ensure a seamless transition of services for beneficiaries into the managed care environment. The Department believes that the provision of these care management services at the local level is the best approach and requires Tailored Plans to contract with the LHDs through the first two years of managed care (defined as the "transition period")³. Thereafter, providers, LHDs, and Tailored Plans will negotiate program terms through regular contracting process.

² North Carolina's Quality Strategy 2021 has specific objectives for promoting both child heath, development & wellness, and women's health (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).

³ The transition period starts the day the first region begins managed care and follows the BH I/DD Tailored Plans contract years. Year 1 launches December 2022 and Year 2 ends December 2024.

Historical Programs for Pregnant Beneficiaries

Pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries were offered services based on the level of risk of an adverse birth outcome. All pregnant beneficiaries were eligible to participate in the PMH program, while those that were determined to be high-risk also received OBCM services.

Pregnancy Medical Home (PMH) Launched in 2011, the PMH program provided comprehensive, coordinated maternity care with a special focus on preterm birth prevention. All providers who bill for perinatal services were eligible to enroll in the program. More than 90 percent of all perinatal care provided to pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries in North Carolina was through a PMH. To qualify for participation as a PMH, the provider had to agree to meet certain requirements, such as:

- Ensuring that no elective deliveries are performed before 39 weeks of gestation;
- Decreasing the rate of nulliparous cesarean section;
- Completing a Department-specified standardized risk screening tool on each pregnant Medicaid beneficiary in the program and integrating the plan of care with local care management; and
- Cooperating with open chart audits.

In addition to agreeing to requirements on pregnancy services, the PMH program paid providers incentive payments for 1) completing a standardized risk screening tool at initial visit (\$50), and (2) conducting a postpartum visit (\$150). The standardized risk screening tool identified high-risk pregnant beneficiaries for care management services in OBCM. Previously, the PMH program operated through CCNC, who provides regionally based support to enrolled practices and convened clinicians on a routine basis and in conjunction with Department leadership to review programmatic requirements, performance and other items.

Pregnancy Care Management (OBCM) Since 1988, LHDs have provided care management to pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries identified as being at high risk of a poor birth outcome. The care management model has consisted of education, support, linkages to other services, management of high-risk behavior and response to social determinants of health (SDOH) that may have an impact on birth outcomes. Medicaid recipients identified as having a high-risk pregnancy were assigned a Pregnancy Care Manager to coordinate their care and services through the end of the post-partum period. Historically, the Department provided programmatic oversight, evaluation and training for OBCM. CCNC provided the technology infrastructure, including the documentation platform and the data analytics platform.

Under managed care, the names of these programs changed in the following manner:

- The PMH program name became the "Pregnancy Management Program" (PMP)
- The OBCM program became "Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies" (CMHRP)
- Tribal At-Risk Pregnancy Program

Throughout the remainder of the program guide, we refer to the programs under their new names to distinguish how program operations are functioning in managed care.

Under managed care, North Carolina designated Advanced Medical Homes (AMH), a subset of providers that are paid higher reimbursement amounts for assuming primary responsibility for care management services for Medicaid members. AMH providers fall into one of four tiers, with requirements and payments increasing as tiers (and associated responsibilities) increase. Qualifying LHDs and OB/GYN providers who provide full primary care services per AMH policy can be an AMH. Designation as an AMH does not preclude their participation in the PMP and CMHRP programs. LHDs and providers that serve as Tier 3 and 4⁴ AMHs and are part of the PMP/CMHRP programs will be eligible for incentive payments⁵.

Tailored Plans will provide the same services as Standard Plans but will also provide additional services that serve individuals with significant behavioral health conditions, I/DDs, and TBI as well as people using Statefunded Services. Tailored Plans will offer Tailored Care Management as the predominant care management model for its Medicaid members.

This program guide provides key information to OB/GYN providers, LHDs, Tailored Plans and other interested stakeholders as to how the transition of care management programs for high-risk pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries will occur over time into the State's managed care model, how the programs will operate, and the expectations of providers, LHDs, Tailored Plans and the Department in each.

⁴ Tailored Plans are required to offer Tier 3 AMH practices incentive payments. Tailored Plans have the option to offer incentive payments to AMH Tier 1 and 2 practices.

⁵ To learn more about the AMH Program, refer to the <u>Care Management Strategy under Managed Care</u> concept paper and the AMH Manual.

Summary of Program Transition

	The Pregnancy Management Program (PMP)	Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP)
Target Population	All pregnant Medicaid members enrolled in Health Plans	Pregnant Medicaid members identified at risk for adverse birth outcomes
Overview of Services Provided	Comprehensive, coordinated maternity careservices with a focus on preventing pre-term birth	Governed by best practice, this more intense multi-disciplinary service provides care management for pregnant adpost-partum members identified as being at risk of adverse birth outcomes. Assisting and supporting high-risk pregnant members with navigation of prenatal and postpartum care; as well as addressing barriers
Accountable	Tailored Plans	affecting their care and health. Tailored Plans
Primary Service Provider	Local maternity careproviders	LHDs provide intensive care management services for pregnant at-risk beneficiaries.
Program Coordination	The Department will continue to engage with the Maternal Health Advisory Group.	The Department and a statewide advisory group

II. Managing High-Risk Pregnancies Under Managed Care

All pregnant members enrolled in managed care through the Tailored Plans will continue to receive a coordinated set of high-quality clinical maternity services through the PMP. This program will be administered as a partnership between Tailored Plans and local maternity care service providers (defined as any provider of perinatal services). A key feature of the program is the PMP's continued use of the standardized screening tool (known as the Pregnancy Risk Screening (PRS) form) to identify and refer members at-risk for an adverse birth outcome to CMHRP, a more intense set of care management services that will be coordinated and provided by LHDs. Together, these two programs (PMP and CMHRP) work toimprove the overall health of pregnant, postpartum, and newborn members across the state.

Overview of PMP

The Pregnancy Management Program (PMP) will continue its commitment to clinical excellence through the provision of comprehensive, coordinated maternity care services to pregnant members enrolled in the state's managed care program. During the three-year transition into the managed care environment, the parameters of the program are consistent with the previous PMH program. The following represents a summary of previous features of the PMH program that were transitioned into managed care:

- Provider participation requirements remain the same, although there is no longer a process to "opt in" to the program. All providers that bill global, packaged, or individual pregnancy services will contract with Tailored Plans under standard contracting terms which are identical to the terms in today's program.
- Standard contracting provisions will be included. The Tailored Plans will incorporate program requirements aligned with the PMH program into their contracts with all maternity care providers. The continuation of these program requirements will ensure a smooth transition of services into the new managed care model under the health plan's administrative authority. The contracts will include process requirements, such as completing the standardized risk-screening tool, and clinical outcomes measures, such as decreasing the rate of nulliparous cesarean section. The Appendix includes a listing of the program contracting requirements that will be included. Ongoing, the Department may update program requirements based on stakeholder feedback, program performance, or emerging service delivery needs.
- The provider incentive payment structure will remain the same during the transition period. Individual provider contracts with Tailored Plans will incorporate an incentive payment structure that promotes high-quality outcomes and is consistent with the rate floors established by the Department. For the transition period, the incentive payment structure will remain the same as it is today:
 - 1. \$50 for the completion of the standardized risk screening tool at each initial visit.
 - 2. \$150 for completion of postpartum visit held within 84 days of delivery.

Additionally, providers will receive, at a minimum, the same rate for vaginal deliveries as they do for
caesarian sections. In addition, providers will continue to be exempt from prior approval on ultrasound

The Tailored Plans will be permitted to offer additional innovative payment programs and incentives to providers beyond those required by the Department to promote quality pregnancy outcomes for their enrolled population. Providers and Tailored Plans may enter into innovative payment programs at their mutual consent.

- A standardized patient screening tool will be utilized to identify high-risk pregnancies. Providers are required to adopt and administer a State-designated screening tool, <u>Pregnancy Risk Screening (PRS)</u> form, to identify high-risk pregnancies. The tool is standardized across the state and is consistent with the screening tool previously used by providers enrolled in the PMH program. The tool will be reviewed and updated as needed by the Department with input from the state-convened group. PMP providers will be required to send the completed standardized risk screening tool to the LHD within 7 business days of completing the screening. As described further below, LHDs that receive the standardized screening form from a PMP provider that indicates a need for care management services must attempt to reach members identified to initiate care management services. Tailored Plans are not permitted to conduct prior authorization for these services.
- Maternity care providers are required to coordinate outreach and care management efforts with the LHDs for management of pregnant patients determined to be at risk of adverse birth outcomes. PMP providers will be required to ensure appropriate coordination with LHD care managersfor the sub-set of their practice population who receive CMHRP services described below.
- The Tailored Plans will be required to collect and report on a series of quality measures to ensure high- quality maternity care. The Tailored Plans will provide regular reports as prescribed to PMP practices, onthe following measures (assuming a valid sample size):
 - 1. Prenatal and Postpartum Care: NQF 1517⁶
 - 2. Live Births Weighing Less than 2,500

As part of public reporting requirements, the Tailored Plans will be required to calculate and share for each participating practice that receives an incentive payment the following measures: 1) Rate of high-risk screening as a function of the total pregnant population according to Tailored Plan data; and 2) Rate of post-partum follow-up within 84 days of delivery as a function of total pregnant population according to Tailored Plan data.

The Tailored Plans will also report directly to the Department on additional quality measures and metrics that impact women's health and maternity care. For a complete list of all measures refer to the SP and TP Quality Measurement Technical Specifications.

⁶ Additional measures may be added for practice-level reporting based on the final quality measure set for Year 1 of Managed Care.

Overview of the CMHRP

In addition to administration of the PMP program for all enrolled pregnant members, the Tailored Plans will contract with LHDs to administer care management services for recipients deemed as high-risk for adverse birth outcomes. Outreach services for CMHRP services may be initiated based on information obtained from the standardized screening tool administered to all pregnant members in the PMP and will be initiated as a result of each health plan's risk stratification efforts. LHD care managers may also utilize other available information to provide CMHRP services. As noted in Section II of this Program Guide, these more intensive care management services are currently provided by LHDs. LHDs will exclusively continue to provide these intensive care management services under managed care through the two-year transition period. The following represent a summary of key features of the CMHRP program:

- LHDs will continue to provide intensive care management services. During the transition period, the Tailored Plans will be required to contract with LHDs for provision of CMHRP services. If an LHD is unable or unwilling to provide these services through a contract with a Tailored Plan, Section IV details steps the Tailored Plan must take to ensure care management is delivered locally.
- Referrals will be submitted to LHDs for eligibility determination and prioritization for CMHRP services. Potential recipients will be identified for CMHRP program services through the following methods: direct provider referrals, community agencies (e.g., WIC, DSS), self-referral, risk screening and risk stratification (or other identification methods) of the Tailored Plans.
- The Tailored Plans will be required to offer standard contracting terms. The Tailored Plans will incorporate a series of standard program requirements into their contracts with all LHDs in the CMHRP program. The provisions are aligned with those in place today in the CMHRP program, but incorporate the changes of moving to managed care, including ongoing collaboration and integration with the Tailored Plans. These terms include requirements related to outreach, member identification and engagement, assessment and risk stratification, and deployment of interventions. These contract terms will ensure a smooth transition of services into the new managed care model under the Tailored Plans' administrative authority. The Appendix includes a listing of the program contracting requirements that will be included for the CMHRP program.
- Process and quality measures for high-risk pregnancies. LHDs will be responsible for a series of process measures to ensure high-quality care management for high-risk pregnant members. A sub-set of these process measures will, in turn, be used to evaluate program outcomes.

Utilization (Penetration) Rate

Percentage of pregnant members ages 14-44 who are receiving CMHRP care management services.

Performance Measures

- Outreach and Engagement: Members referred for care management will have a completed care management encounter with member <u>OR</u> 3 or more attempted encounters within 7 business days of referral.
- Active Care Management: Members engaged in care management will have a signed care plan within 15days of engagement in CMHRP services.

The Tailored Plans will use these measures for overall monitoring purposes, including the CAP process as described in Section IV.

In addition to process measures, LHDs providing CMHRP services will be required to support Tailored Plan improvement on specific quality measures by closing care gaps and helping members engage in care. These measures include:

Quality Measures

- Low Birth Weight Births: Number of live, singleton births weighing <2,500 grams at birth in the CMHRP enrolled population during the measurement period.
- Timeliness of Prenatal Care: Number of members in CMHRP who received a prenatal care visit in the first trimester.
- Postpartum Care: Number of members in CMHRP who received a postpartum care visit between 7 and 84 days after delivery.
- Use of a standardized data platform for care management. LHDs are required to use the standard documentation platform that is in existence today. LHDs that operate as AMH Tier 3 providers may be permitted flexibility to use a separate platform.
- Plans or TCM providers will be responsible for care management services to the managed care population in Tailored Plans. To ensure coordination with CMHRP, the Tailored Plans will be required to alert LHDs when high-risk pregnant members are in Tailored Care Management within the Tailored Plan/TCM provider. In addition, the Tailored Plans will be responsible for ensuring that the care management roles and responsibilities between the two entities are coordinated and do not overlap. The Tailored Plans will also be required to ensure that the member's care plan(s) document respective roles and responsibilities between the Tailored Plan/TCM Provider and LHD. When a Medicaid member is receiving CMHRP services, the CMHRP care manager should take the care management lead. LHD care managers will be responsible for documenting roles/responsibilities in the standard documentation platform for instances where multiple care managers are serving the same enrollee to ensure that services are coordinated.
- Payments to LHDs. The Department will ensure that all funding related to CMHRP is included in the capitation payment to the Tailored Plans. The Tailored Plan will be responsible for compensating contractedLHDs at an amount substantially similar to or no less than the amount paid in the existing program. The Tailored Plans are permitted to introduce new payment models on top of the existing funding to further incentivize care management innovation.

III. Oversight and Accountability for Programs

The Tailored Plans are responsible for the clinical and financial management of care and services for Medicaid beneficiaries who are pregnant. The Department will have rigorous oversight of all Tailored Plan operations. In addition, the Department will formally convene advisory groups of clinical leaders and other key stakeholders to engage in ongoing development of the CMHRP programs to ensurehigh-quality performance of providers of care management and clinical services.

General State Oversight

The Department is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the Medicaid program, including all aspects of North Carolina's transition to managed care. Under managed care, the Department delegates responsibility for managing member care to the Tailored Plans, with clear, contractually binding requirements and expectations.

Thus, the Department's primary role in a managed care environment is to hold the Tailored Plans accountable for providing high-quality care and improving outcomes by setting clear priorities and objectives, establishing standards, and evaluating the Tailored Plans against those standards.

Additionally, the Department will continue to provide support, program design and management to LHDs providing care management for members at-risk for adverse birth outcomes during the transition to Medicaid managed care. This support includes:

- Rollout training sessions in preparation for transition to Tailored Plans;
- Ongoing training on critical performance metrics and quality improvement;
- Ad hoc support for LHDs related to programmatic guidance and implementation; as well as in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) process;
- Continuous development and management of programmatic design, expectations, and guidance;
- Creating and maintaining program documents to promote standardization and best practice utilization;
 and
- Programmatic technical assistance, support and training

Role of Tailored Plans in Program Administration

In each program, Tailored Plans will have a specific set of program responsibilities. The Tailored Plans will administer each program locally in partnership with providers and/or LHDs and have overall accountability and risk for outcomes. For the programs for pregnant members, the Tailored Plans will specifically:

- Develop and execute contracts with standard contract terms for all providers who provide maternity services;
- Reimburse participating providers, including incentive payments, as required in DHHS policy;
- Permit PMP providers to refer directly to LHDs without prior authorization for initiation of care management services;
- Refer pregnant beneficiaries identified as high-risk through the Tailored Plan's own risk stratification algorithms to LHDs for care management services via the weekly Patient Risk List (PRL)
 - o Tailored Plan "Direct Referrals" to LHDs should be minimal; encompassing only those

- referrals that need URGENT attention BEFORE the next weekly PRL file transmission
- It is the Tailored Plan's responsibility to ensure EACH "Direct Referral" is included in their outgoing PRL
- Administer a quality and process measurement program that will provide timely reports to PMP providers on the quality and process measures previously noted, as well as report to the Department on:
 - o Number and dollar value of incentive payments paid to providers
 - Additional value-based incentive payments paid to providers
 - Rate of high-risk screening and rate of post-partum follow-up at the Tailored Plan population level
- Offer provider supports to PMP providers engaging in the program;
- Ensure that the care management roles and responsibilities between the Tailored Plans/TCM providers are non-overlapping with care management services offered by LHDs.
- Monitor for performance against the contract between Tailored Plans and LHDs; and
- Provide day-to-day oversight of program management and performance across PMP providers.

LHD Contracting and Tailored Plan Performance Oversight

LHDs will need to contract with the Tailored Plans for the provision of care management services for the first two years. In contract Year 1, the Tailored Plans will give LHDs the "right of first refusal" as contracted providers of care management for these populations, offering them standard terms for each program. The Tailored Plans will offer contracts to every LHD in their service region for provision of these care management services to members with a high-risk pregnancy.

- LHDs will have 75 business days to accept the contract to perform care management services for these populations.
- If the LHD declines the contract, the Tailored Plan will consult the Department to identify another LHD in the same service region that is willing and able to provide care management services for pregnant members at risk for adverse birth outcomes. The Tailored Plan will use the same 75-business-day process to contract with the new LHD.
- If the Tailored Plan is unable to contract with an alternate LHD, they will:
 - Contract with another entity for the provision of local care management services; or
 - Perform the services itself and retain the payment that would otherwise have passed to the LHD.

After contracts are executed and from the start of Tailored Plan launch, one of the Tailored Plan's primary roles is in monitoring performance according to the contract, providing risk stratification and referral data.

For LHDs, a separate process has been developed to address areas of underperformance, should they arise. In these cases, Tailored Plans will intervene and initiate action in one of two pathways: a standardized CAP (most likely) or immediate termination (rare). The Department has developed a standardized process for Tailored Plans to address underperformance among LHDs.

Pathway #1: Standard Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

Step#	Pathway #1: Standard Corrective Action Plan (CAP) ⁷			
1	The Tailored Plan identifies and documents LHD underperformance.			
2	The Tailored Plan issues a written notice detailing underperformance to the Local Health Department requesting a CAP. Tailored Plans are required to report all CAPsto DHB immediately, using <i>BCM021: CMHRP Corrective Action Plan Report</i> . DHB will share BCM021 with DPH within 3 business days of receiving the report.			
3	The LHD will develop and submit a CAP to the Tailored Plan for approval within 15 business days of receiving notice of underperformance. The LHD must include in their CAP a "performance improvement plan" that clearly states the steps being taken to rectify underperformance. The tailored plan has the right to approve the CAP as written or request modifications within 10 business days. If modifications are requested, the LHD must resubmit an updated CAP within 10 business days.			
4	Once the CAP is approved, the LHD has 90 calendar days to implement and meet the performance measures/obligations under the contract. For good cause, LHD and the tailored plan can agree to extend the implementation period by an additional 60 business days. Good cause includes a situation where the data lag makes the timeline non-feasible. If the tailored plan does not follow up on the CAP at the end of the 90-day timeframe, the Department will consider the CAP satisfied.			
5	Failure to perform against the CAP within the prescribed timelines constitutes grounds for termination of the LHD contract by the Tailored Plan. In the event of a termination, the LHD would have the right to appeal the termination under the standard provider appeals process.			

⁷The BH I/DD Tailored Plans will include the Department on all underperformance documentation, notification, and CAPs sent to any given LHD. The Department will share information with the Division of Public Health to support training and support activities.

Pathway #2: Immediate Termination

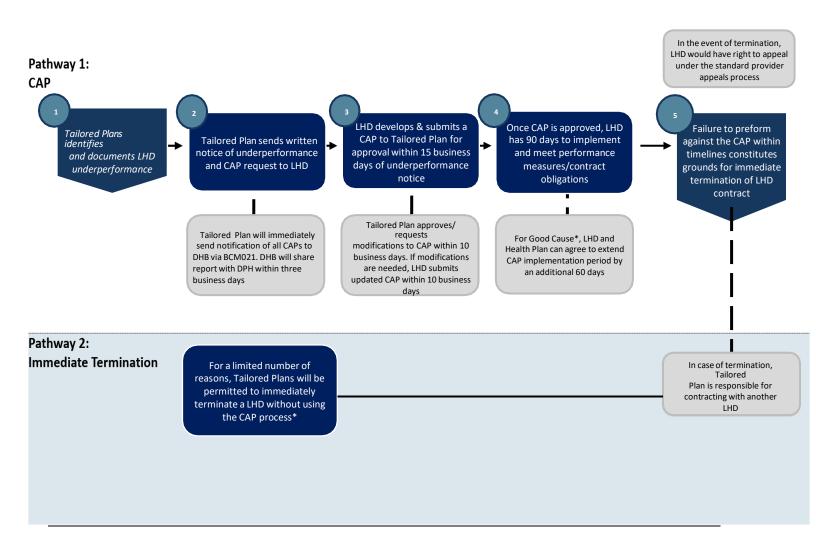
Pathway #2: Immediate Termination

The Tailored Plan will be permitted to immediately terminate a LHD contract without using the CAP process, for a limited number of reasons.

Specific actions for terminating a care management contract with an LHD without using the CAP process include:

- Instances of fraud, waste and/or abuse
- Specific actions by the LHD that conflict with the health plan/LHD Standard Contract Terms

If a Tailored Plan terminates a contract with a LHD, they will be responsible for contracting with another LHD in their service region using the previously described "right of first refusal" process.



IV. Conclusion

The transition to managed care represents a significant shift in the administration of health care benefits to members across the state. The State is committed to ensuring the continuation of the delivery of high-quality maternity care and critical care management services for pregnant members who are at high-risk for adverse birth outcomes. The Department designed features of these clinical and care management programs under the managed care model and the transition period to prevent any disruptions and to ensure continued excellence for patients. The Department believes that these programs will continue to thrive and provide critical services for members in need across the state and will continue to leverage the leadership of maternity care providers, social services organizations, LHDs, and other stakeholders, as is currently the case in continuously monitoring and updating these programs to ensure their continued success.

V. Appendix

- A. Standard Pregnancy Management Program (PMP) Contracting Requirements
- B. Standard Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP) Contracting Requirements
- C. CMHRP Pregnancy Risk Screening Form (English)
- D. CMHRP Pregnancy Risk Screening Form (Spanish)
- E. CMHRP Community Referral Form
- F. CMHRP Measures Set
- G. Data Sharing Specification Requirements for CMARC-CMHRP
- H. CMHRP Data Requirements and PRS Form Link

Appendix A: Standard Pregnancy Management Program (PMP) Contracting Requirements

- 1. The Tailored Plans shall incorporate the following requirements into their contracts with all providers ofmaternal care, including the following requirements for providers of the PMP:
 - a. Complete the standardized risk screening (PRS) tool at initial prenatal visit *and* as member'sbiopsychosocial needs change;
 - Integrate the member's plan of care with local CMHRP staff, which is inclusive of collaboration and communication, ensuring access to HIPAA compliant space for adequate patient and CMHRP staffengagement, access to patients' Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and to foster the embedded care management model;
 - c. Allow Tailored Plan's designated vendor access to medical records for auditingpurposes to measure performance on specific quality indicators;
 - d. Maintain or lower the rate of elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestation;
 - e. Decrease the cesarean section rate among nulliparous members;
 - f. Offer and provide 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17p) for the prevention of preterm birth to members with a history of spontaneous preterm birth who are currently pregnant with a singleton gestation.
 - g. Decrease the primary cesarean delivery rate if the rate is over the Department's designated cesarean rate; (Note: The Department will set the rate annually, which will be at or below 20percent); and
 - h. Ensure comprehensive post-partum visits occur within 84 days of delivery.

Appendix B: Standard CMHRP Contracting Requirements

1. General Contracting Requirement

a. LHDs shall accept referrals identified as High-risk from the Tailored Plans for CMHRP services.

2. Outreach

- a. LHDs shall refer potentially Medicaid-eligible pregnant patients for prenatal care and Medicaid eligibility determination, including promoting the use of Presumptive Eligibility determination and other strategies to facilitate early access to Medicaid coverage during pregnancy.
- b. LHDs shall conduct outreach efforts to members identified by the Tailored Plan as needing intensive care management services; by the Tailored Plan's internal risk stratification and from provider request, to attempt to engage in care management.

3. Population Identification and Engagement

- a. LHDs shall review and enter all pregnancy risk screenings received from PMPs covered by the Pregnancy Care Managers into the designated care management documentation system within five calendar days of receipt of risk screening forms.
- b. LHDs shall utilize risk screening data, patient self-report information and provider referrals to develop strategies to meet the needs of those patients at highest risk for poor pregnancy outcome.
- c. LHDs shall accept pregnancy care management referrals from community referral sources (such as DSS or WIC programs), patient self-referral, and provide appropriate assessment and follow up to those patients based on the level of need.
- d. LHDs shall review available Tailored Plan data reports identifying additional pregnancy risk data/information as available.
- e. LHDs shall collaborate with out-of-county PMPs and CMHRP teams to facilitate cross-county partnerships to ensure coordination of care and appropriate care management assessment and services for all members in the Target Population.

4. Assessment and Risk Stratification

- a. CMHRP care managers (CM) will conduct a prompt and thorough assessment for all members in the Tailored Plan deemed as "high risk" for adverse birth outcomes who may need intensive care management services. Examples of this assessment include review of the following: prior assessment history, prior care management documentation, information from claims data/history, medical record(s), patient interview(s) and information from prenatal care provider and referral source.
- b. LHDs shall utilize assessment findings, including those conducted by the Tailored Plans, to determinelevel of need for care management support.
- c. LHDs shall document assessment findings in the care management documentation system.
- d. LHDs shall ensure that assessment documentation is current throughout the period of time the CMHRP CM is working with the member and should be continually updated as new information is obtained and/or based upon program standards.
- e. LHDs shall assign engagement level as outlined according to program guidelines, based on member need(s).

5. Interventions

a. LHDs shall provide care management services in accordance with program guidelines, including condition-specific pathways, utilizing those interventions that are most effective in engaging members and meeting their needs. LHDs shall prioritize face-to-face encounters (practice visits, home visits, hospital visits, community encounters); additionally, utilizing other interventions such

- as telephone outreach, video conferencing, professional encounters and other interventions as needed to achieve care plan goals.
- b. LHDs shall provide care management services based upon member need(s) as determined through ongoing assessment.
- c. LHDs shall develop patient-centered care plans, including appropriate goals, interventions and tasks based on standardized, statewide CMHRP programmatic guidance documents.
- d. LHDs shall utilize the statewide resource platform and identify additional community resources once the Department certifies it as fully functional.
- e. LHDs shall refer identified population to prenatal care, childbirth education, oral health, behavioral health or other needed services included in the beneficiary's Tailored Plan network.
- f. LHDs shall document all care management activity in the care management documentation system.

6. Integration with Tailored Plans and Healthcare Providers

- a. LHDs shall ensure that a designated CMHRP CM has an assigned schedule indicating their presence within the PMP.
- b. LHDs shall establish a cooperative working relationship and mutually agreeable methods of patient-specific and other ongoing communication with the PMP.
- c. LHDs shall establish and maintain effective communication strategies with PMP providers and other key contacts within the practice for each PMP within the county or serving residents of the county.
- d. CMHRP CM shall participate in relevant PMP meetings addressing care of patients in the Target Population as requested.
- e. LHDs shall promote CMHRP members' awareness of in-network providers and assist Tailored Plan when accessing referrals and resources.
- f. LHDs shall assist CMHRP members in obtaining information needed as it relates to the Tailored Plans by connecting members with the Tailored Plan's members services department, as applicable.

7. Collaboration with Tailored Plans

- a. LHDs shall work with Tailored Plans to ensure program goals as outlined in this document (i.e.,outcome and process measures) are met.
- b. LHDs shall review and monitor Tailored Plans reports created for the PMP and CMHRP services to identify individuals at greatest risk.
- c. LHDs shall communicate with the Tailored Plans regarding challenges with cooperation and collaboration with maternity care providers/PMPs.
- d. Where care management is being provided by a Tailored Plan and/or AMH+ practice in addition to CMHRP, the Tailored Plans must ensure the delineation of non-overlapping roles and responsibilities.
- e. LHDs shall participate in CMHRP and other relevant meetings hosted by the Tailored Plans as resources and time permits.

8. Training

- a. LHDs shall ensure that CMHRP CMs and their supervisors attend CMHRP training offered by the Tailored Plan and/or DHHS, including webinars, New Hire Orientation or other CMHRP programmatic training.
- b. LHDs shall ensure that CMHRP CMs and their supervisors attend continuing educationsessions coordinated by the Tailored Plan and/or DHHS.
- c. LHDs shall ensure that CMHRP CMs and their supervisors pursue ongoing education opportunities to stay current in evidence-based care management of pregnancy and postpartum

- women at risk for poor birth outcomes.
- d. LHDs shall ensure that CMHRP CMs and their supervisors have access to Motivational Interviewing, Mental Health First Aid and Trauma-Informed Care training.

9. Staffing

- a. LHDs shall employ care managers meeting CMHRP competencies defined as having at least one of the following qualifications:
 - i. Registered nurses;
 - ii. Social workers with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW, BA in SW, or BS in SW) or Master of Social Work (MSW, MA in SW, or MS in SW) from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited social work degree program.
 - iii. Care managers providing services to the CMHRP population hired prior to Sept. 1, 2011 without a Bachelors or Masters degree in Social Work may retain their existing position only. This grandfathered status does not transfer to any other position.
 - iv. LHDs shall ensure that supervisors who carry a caseload must also meet the CMHRP care management competencies and staffing qualifications.
- b. LHDs shall ensure that Community Health Workers for Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies' services work under the supervision and direction of a trained CMHRP CM.
- c. When possible, LHDs shall include both registered nurses and social workers on their care management team to best meet the needs of the CMHRP members' medical and psychosocial needs.
- d. If the LHD only has a single care manager providing services for the target population, then the LHD shall ensure access to individual(s) to provide needed resources, consultation and guidance from the non-represented professional discipline within Public Health.
- e. LHDs shall engage care managers who operate with a high level of professionalism and possess an appropriate mix of skills needed to work effectively with the pregnant population at high risk for adverse birth outcomes. This skill set should reflect the capacity to address the needs of members with both medically and socially complex conditions.
- f. LHDs shall ensure that if the team of CMHRP CMs is composed of more than one care manager but represents only one professional discipline (nursing or social work), it seeks to hire individuals of the other discipline when making hiring decisions.
- g. LHDs shall ensure that CMHRP CMs must demonstrate:
 - i. A high level of professionalism and possess appropriate skills needed to work effectively with the pregnant population at high-risk for adverse birth outcomes;
 - ii. Proficiency with the technologies required to perform care management functions;
 - iii. Motivational Interviewing skills and knowledge of adult teaching and learning principles;
 - iv. Ability to effectively communicate with families and providers; and
 - v. Critical thinking skills, clinical judgment and problem-solving abilities.
- h. LHDs shall provide qualified supervision and support for CMHRP CMs to ensure that allactivities are designed to meet performance measures, with supervision to include:
 - i. Provision of program updates to care managers;
 - ii. Daily availability for case consultation and caseload oversight;
 - iii. Regular meetings with LHD care management staff;
 - iv. Utilization of reports to actively assess individual care manager performance;
 - v. Compliance with all supervisory expectations delineated in the CMHRP Program Manual.
- i. LHDs shall establish staffing arrangements to ensure continuous service delivery through appropriate management of staff vacancies and extended absences, including following the health

plan/DHHS guidance about communication with the Tailored Plans about any vacancies or extendedstaff absences and adhering to guidance about contingency planning to prevent interruptions in service delivery.

j. Vacancies lasting longer than 60 days shall be subject to additional oversight by the Tailored Plans.

Appendix C: Pregnancy Risk Screening (PRS) Form for CMHRP (English)

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Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP) Pregnancy Risk Screening Form

Complete this side of the form as honestly as possible and give it to your nurse or doctor. The information you provide allows us to coordinate services with the care manager and provide the best care for you and your baby.

Name:	Date of birth:	Today's date:			
Physical Address:	City:		ZIP:		
Mailing Address (if different):	City:		ZIP:		
County:Home phone number:Work phone number:					
Cell phone number:	Social security numb	er (ifavailable):			
Race: American-Indian or Alaska Native Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian Ethnicity: Not Hispanic Cuban Education: Less than high school diploma	□ White □ Other (spe □ Mexican □ Puerto Rican	cify): Other Hispanic	☐ College graduate		
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2. Within the last year, have you been hit, s	lapped, kicked or otherwise phy	sically hurt by someone?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
3. Are you in a relationship with a person w	ho threatens or physically hurts	you? 🔲 Yes 🗎 No			
4. Has anyone forced you to have sexual ac	tivities that made you feel unco	mfortable? 🔲 Yes 🗆 N	0		
5. In the last 12 months were you ever hun	gry but didn't eat because you o	ouldn't afford enough for	od? 🔲 Yes 🗎 No		
6. Is your living situation unsafe or unstable	? 🔲 Yes 🗎 No				
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9. Do any of your friends have a problem w	ith alcohol or other drug use? D	Yes 🗆 No			
10. Does your partner have a problem with a	alcohol or other drug use? 🗖 Ye	s □ No			
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Appendix D: Pregnancy Risk Screening (PRS) Form for CMHRP (Spanish)

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Provider Comments/Notes:
Person Completing Form:
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^{*}Required fields
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Formulario de Evaluación de Riesgo del Embarazo

Por favor complete este lado del formulario y entréguesela a la enfermera o el médico. Por favor responda lo más honestamente posible para que podamos proporcionarle el mejor cuidado para usted y su bebé. El equipo de cuidado mantendrá esta información privada.

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Appendix E: CMHRP Community Referral Form

Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies Referral

The Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP) Program is available to pregnant and postpartum individuals who have or may qualify for Medicaid. Examples of potential social and/or medical factors that qualify an individual for CMHRP services are below; however, this is not an exhaustive list. Please refer individuals who may benefit from receiving CMHRP services, and eligibility will be determined once the referral is received. CMHRP services strive to increase positive birth outcomes across the state.

Working together to improve the health of mothers and babies in North Carolina.

SEVEN.			P	atient Notificati	on		
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	Fetal complica	tions		Current tobacco use		Poor nutrition or lack of food	
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Please submit this form to your local CMHRP agency, which is the county health department in most locations

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Appendix F. CMHRP Measures Set

Performance Measure	Measure Description
Monthly & Rolling Penetration Rate	Numerator = any member with a completed care management encounter ⁸ in the past 30 days. Denominator = Number of women ages 14-44 years.
Outreach Rate (CMHRP)	Numerator= Number of members with a "Completed" encounter <u>OR</u> 3 or more "Attempted" encounters within 7 business days of a referral by the PHP Denominator= Number of members referred for CMHRP services in the reported month
Active Management Rate (CMHRP)	Numerator=Number of members who have a care plan signed within 15 calendar days of engaging in care management Denominator= Number of members receiving care management in the reported month.
Health Outcome Measures ⁹	Measure Description
Low Birth Weight Births	N=Number of live, singleton births weighing <2,500 grams at birth in the CMHRP enrolled population during the measurement period. D= All live, singleton births in the CMHRP program-enrolled population during the measurement period. Measure Steward: NC DHHS
Timeliness of Prenatal Care (PPC)	N= Number of members who received a prenatal care visit in the first trimester. D = All members who received CMHRP services who had a completed CMHRP CM contact during the measurement period. Measure Steward: NCQA NQF endorsed: 1517
Postpartum Care (PPC)	N = Number of members who received a postpartum care visit between 7 and 84 days after delivery. D = All members who received CMHRP services who had a completed CMHRP CM contact during the measurement period. Measure Steward: NCQA NQF endorsed: 1517

⁸ Encounter is defined as In-person (including virtual) visit with care manager or member of care team; could include delivery of comprehensive assessment, development of care plan, or other discussion of patient's health-related needs. Phone call or active email/text exchange between member of care team and member (e.g. to discuss care plan or other health-related needs); must include active participation by both parties.

⁹ All Health Outcomes Measures use technical specifications defined by the attributable measure steward and are stratified by the eligible study population.